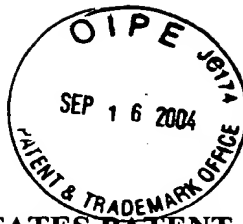


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Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated June 16, 2004, wherein the pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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